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To: All County Medical Services Program (CMSP) County Welfare Directors

Subject: IMPACT OF THE MEDI-CAL "GAMMA" LAWSUIT ON CMSP

The court order in the Medi-Cal Gamma lawsuit changes the Sneeede methodology for allocating income. This letter a reminder that the CMSP process **has not changed**. In cases where a **Medi-Cal Sneeede/Gamma** calculation results in that case being a "Sneeede" case, the results of that calculation are taken to the CMSP case and applied against a **CMSP** maintenance need income level (MNIL). The following example illustrates this process:

Example: Unmarried mother and father and one mutual child. The father has earned income of \$1,090. per month.

Medi-Cal Budget

\$1,000. Net Earnings
600. Income Deduction

400. Allocation to child
375. M/C MNIL
25. SOC
600. Father's Net Income

CMSP Budget

600. Father's Net Income
-570. MNIL (CMSP)
30. SOC

Counties are reminded that there are no stand alone CMSP "Sneeede" cases, and further, if a Medi-Cal case is not a "Sneeede" case, there is no Sneeede income/property calculation carried over to the companion CMSP case.

This is the only copy your county will receive of this letter. Please copy and circulate to staff as necessary. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Paulette Quam of my staff, at (916) 322-1613.

Sincerely,

Paulette Quam
for

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